

Lower Spring Lake Protection and Rehabilitation District Quarterly (4th) Meeting – August 25, 2012

Called Meeting To Order: Al Fehrmann called the meeting to order at 11:05 A.M. on Saturday, August 25th, 2012. Present: Al Fehrmann-President, Sarah Bregant-County Supervisor, Vicki Bradford-Treasurer, Linda Plennes-Secretary. Not present-Dave Turner-Village President.

Read and Approve Minutes: Linda Plennes read the minutes of the last meeting held on July 21st, 2012. There were no corrections noted, motion to accept the minutes as read was made by Robert Wielepski and 2nd by Frank Loduha.

Treasurer's Report: Vicki handed out the current budget report and discussed the activity, we are now in the positive for the Herbicide Application Fee by \$1,827.55, the reason for this is we rec'd \$12,789.55 from the State of WI Grant. Both Vicki and Al stated that the volunteer hours are crucial; at \$12.00 an hour we can submit up to 25% for credit to offset the debt. Vicki noted that by changing the bank certificates of deposit terms we show a 9.86 gain on interest earned. Motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Jim Dixon and 2nd by Robert Wielepski.

Review and Vote 2012-2013 Budget: Vicki Bradford handed out both the current 2012 budget with transactions on the reverse side along with the proposed budget for 2013. Vicki noted that the budget we use currently was the same one used in 2011. Both Vicki and Al agreed to use the same budget we used in 2012 for 2013. Vicki noted that as of this meeting the Rajkovic balance of \$124.36 was still due. They own two properties but only one is on the lake. A second request for payment was submitted by Vicki. With regards to future herbicide treatments the lake acreage would/could be smaller but the cost of the herbicides will increase yearly. No questions were asked regarding the proposed budget, motion to accept 2013 budget was made by Jim Dixon and 2nd by Robert Wielepski.

Harvester Operations Report: Jim Dixon shared that he was not happy with the operations, there were several issues why. The finger bays, the lake water levels, the extremely hot summer season. The finger bay was and has been a problem all year. The frustration for all of us is the State mandated water levels as to where the harvester can navigate, simply put, it can not enter water levels less than 3 feet to harvest, the frustration comes in as to how and when are these levels set and checked. This has been a work in progress challenge process, no snow, no rain, extreme heat, all lake levels in our state recorded low lake levels this year. Jim Dixon has asked the lake board to write the governor in hopes of getting their attention along with the head of the DNR as well. Jim Dixon stated if it would help he would resign from the harvester committee and write to the governor and DNR as a private person. Jim shared even going to the Village and plead his case; there are lake owners that pay over \$13,000 in property taxes to live on a swamp. Al spoke for the board to say, he was not opposed to contacting these departments but does want to go forward with proper protocol. Al stated that both Patricia Cicero and Susan Graham have worked very very hard for our district, and before taking any action we would want to have a meeting with them first to discuss our options. Al explained how they come up with the lake levels. He stated that they use a rake to rest on the lake bottom, it is clearly marked at 3 foot level. We did however get approval to cut one path down the middle of the finger bay, HOWEVER the water level must be 3 feet or more. Al believed that had this been a normal weather/water year we would have been able to cut in that bay with no problems. Al shared that both Patricia and Susan have visited our lake and took several depth measurements, we can only proceed with their approval to do so. NON-COMPLIANCE-MECHANICAL HARVESTING OUTSIDE PERMITTED AREAS-Carries great

consequences to us as a lake district and there is plenty at stake here. Examples: Our harvesting license could be pulled, our herbicide permits could be pulled. We do not want a repeat of August 2009. Jim stated that Gerry Keppen expressed that he no longer will be running the harvester, so we will need to find a replacement for next year. Jim restated that if anyone has concerns with regards to harvesting or the aquatic vegetation to please give him a call @ 262-337-0249. Al stated that we can cut the native plants BUT we need to get the ok from the DNR.

Water Clarity Report: Greg reported the clarity on average is about 3 feet, during the extreme heat the 100 degree days the levels reduced to 2 feet. The great news was that we did not have any algae outbreaks the terrific news was we did not have any fish kill as a result of the extreme heat and lower lake levels. Many Wisconsin lakes had either one or both occur.

Chemical Permit Grant Status: Steve stated that we would again apply for our permit early in 2013. We do need to apply for a permit yearly working with the 5 year grant program. This would be our 2nd permit request of the 5 year plan. We also must publish the notification in our local newspaper. Al stated that in the past we had received 100% of our permit fee back. Going forward now with the grant in place, we will receive only 50% of the fee back. The permit fee for 2012 was \$1270.00

Discussion and Voting-Open Board Position Secretary: The secretary's position expires at the end of this year 2012. If there are no volunteers for this position I will agree to stay on for one more year, I will stay on with Al until his term ends at the end of 2013. No one volunteered to accept this open position, a vote was taken by hand count, results=all in favor, no opposed. I will accept a one year term to end 2013. So next year at this time you will be nominating a new president and secretary, there are a lot of good, qualified people that could fill these positions and take them to the next level of excellence. This is your Lake District, be proud of its accomplishments and get involved. You are never in this alone, there are lots of people who help us.

Grant Project Updates: Al stated the figures are the same, the only difference is that we have received our grant money of \$12,789.55. Vicki stated that the Permit Fee is already set at \$1,270.00 yearly and the last year's cost for the permit is \$1020.00

Clean Boats/Clean Waters: Al stated that Ann Perkell has volunteered to manage this project. Ann stated that 83 hours were logged and that 18 boaters were contacted. This results in \$996 to be credited in the districts favor.

Open Forum: Al stated that he was very surprised that we did not have an algae bloom with the heat this summer. Josh from the Village told Al that right now there is no open grant for any dam repairs. A Dam Failure Analysis report must accompany the grant request. Josh will follow up with this project. Jim Dixon shared that there is a plan to improve the boat launch area- pave the drive and launch area, install restrooms etc. More information to follow on this.

Set Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2013, Saturday at 10:00 A.M. Village Hall

Motion to Adjourn: Jim Dixon made the motion to adjourn the meeting and George Stewart 2nd the motion. Meeting adjourned at 1:27

Submitted: Oct 19, 2012

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